

Remarks

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2004. Applicants respectfully provide these remarks and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-36.

The Examiner requests that Applicants update the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section of the specification. Applicants have done so.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-36 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-67 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,837. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,837, Applicants have submitted the attached Terminal Disclaimer to obviate these rejections. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-36.

Conclusion

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney for Applicants at the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants have included a check for \$110.00 for filing a Terminal Disclaimer. Applicants believe that no other fees are due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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